



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

June 21, 2006

Mr. Joseph Kelly  
Montrose Chemical Corporation  
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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

RE: EPA Conditional Approval of Work Plans for Soil Investigation of Ecology Control Industries (ECI) Property, 20846 South Normandie Avenue, Historical Stormwater Pathway - South, Montrose Chemical Superfund Site.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On June 2, 2006, EPA received a field sampling plan (FSP) and a quality assurance project plan (QAPP) for soil sampling at the Ecology Control Industries property, 20846 Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles County California. These plans, prepared by Earth Tech, Inc. on behalf of the Montrose Chemical Company (Montrose) and dated June 2006, are entitled:

- *Draft Field Sampling Plan, Soil Investigation for Historical Stormwater Pathway - South, Ecology Control Industries Property, 20846 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance California 90502 (Draft FSP for the ECI Property), and*
- *Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan, Soil Investigation for Historical Stormwater Pathway - South, Ecology Control Industries Property, 20846 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance California 90502 (Draft QAPP for the ECI Property).*

EPA has reviewed both the Draft FSP for the ECI Property and the Draft QAPP for the ECI Property and approves them subject to the conditions provided in Attachment A to this letter.

EPA understands that Montrose intends to begin field work in July 2006. EPA will be conducting oversight activities, including collection of split samples, during this effort. We look forward to coordinating with Montrose during the preparation, execution, and follow-up to this field event.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the attachment, please contact me at 415-972-3106.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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